



I WANT TO GIVE

The bread that bringeth strength I want to give,
The water pure that bids the thirsty live;
I want to help the fainting day by day;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

I want to give the oil of joy for tears,
The faith to conquer crowding doubts and fears;
Beauty for ashes may I give away;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

I want to give good measure running o'er,
And into angry hearts I want to pour
The answer soft that turneth wrath away;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

I want to give to others hope and faith;
I want to do all that the Master saith;
I want to live aright from day to day;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

—Anon.

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EPH. 2:20

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"Freely ye have received, freely give," Matt. 10:8b.

ITIM. 3:15

June 1, 1946

NOTICES...

Idaho and Nevada State Convention and Camp Meeting

The Church of God state convention and camp meeting of Idaho and Nevada will convene at Lewiston, Idaho, beginning June 14. The convention will convene June 14-16 and the ten-day camp meeting will follow.

Rev. C. H. Blankenship, state overseer of New York and New Jersey, will be the principal speaker at the camp meeting. We will have as our special guest speaker, Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer, also Rev. V. B. Rains, state overseer of Texas. We are expecting to have a great time in this convention and camp meeting. We are also expecting many visiting ministers. Come and bring your friends. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this great feast.—Howard D. Statum, overseer of Idaho and Nevada.

Correction

In April 27 issue of Evangel a report of a revival (sent by telegram) was given as Santa Monica, Calif., when it should have been Sacramento, Calif. We have no church at Santa Monica, Calif.—Oscar Olsen, pastor, 3285 D St., Sacramento, Calif.

Open for Revivals

Rev. Howard Collier, blind evangelist, twenty-three years of age, desires revival meetings. Write him at 2129 Vanderbilt Rd., Birmingham, Ala.

For Sale

Loud speaker with fifty-foot extension cord, two mikes, several records, to use with battery or electricity. In good condition.—Rev. S. C. Wiley, Rt. 3, Covington, Ga.

Rev. E. E. Hurst and Sister Della Patrick are open for revivals. God is really blessing their revivals. Miraculous healings are performed through Sister Patrick who is working mostly in Virginia. Brother Hurst is working in North Carolina.

If you wish to contact them for a revival, you may do so by writing Rev. Floyd Boger, Box 442, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Change of Address

Mollie L. Wilson, 237 York Ave., Weatherford, Tex.

The Church of God on the Air

Big Springs, Tex., over Station KBST. Each Sunday morning from 8:15-8:30. Rev. O. E. Wright is pastor.—Manuel F. Campbell, Box 213, Weatherford, Tex.

Brother Frank Johnson conducts a radio program daily on Station WSGN, Birmingham, Ala., at 5:15-5:45 a. m. and Sundays at 7:00-8:00 a. m.

"Fountain of Life" Program, Sweetwater, Tenn., Church of God, over Station WLAR, Athens, Tenn., 1450 Kc. Each Sunday from 8:00-8:30 a. m. (CST). Clyde Caraway, pastor.

Anyone having a good three-room trailer for sale, contact me at once. Wife and I expect to get started in evangelistic work very soon.—Ralph C. Joyner, 125 E. Ben Tillman Homes, Navy Yard, S. C.

DEATHS

COLEMAN

In remembrance of my loving sister, Mrs. Viola Coleman, who was called from this life June 13, 1945. She was a faithful member of the Church of God for thirteen years.—Nora Michael, Rt. 1, West Union, Ohio.

GREEN

Oma Lue Green, infant daughter of Brother and Sister Grover Green, Adairsville, Ga., passed away April 30, 1945; age eleven months and sixteen days.

Brother and Sister Green are members of the Church of God at Towe's Chapel.—G. W. Fowler, clerk.

FOWLER

The death angel visited the home of Mrs. Dan Garline, Adairsville, Ga., on May 6, 1946, and claimed her mother, Mrs. W. T. Fowler, age sixty-eight years. Mama would have been sixty-nine on the 7th.

She was a true Christian and devoted mother.—G. W. Fowler, Rt. 3, Adairsville, Ga.

No one can develop and train his mind to think wisely and correctly when it is constantly being disturbed by his tongue.

Nothing can be in our hearts that should not be there if we keep everything out of our minds that should not be there.

Requests for Prayer

PRAY FOR—

God to undertake for my husband, he truly needs the Lord.—Mrs. J. R. Long, Sardis, Ga.

God to heal my son, James E. Atchley, Veterans' Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala. If the Lord doesn't undertake, he will not be here long. The healing of my body; the healing of my daughter who is sickly and unsaved. My son and I will appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. Luther C. Watkins, c/o Elsie Anderson, Empire, Ala.

The healing of my neck; my son who is soon to be sent overseas; my home.—Mrs. E. J. Freeman, Box 163, Tell, Tex.

The healing of my baby.—Mrs. Carolyn May, 522½ Pike St., South Parkersburg, W. Va.

The Lord to heal my body, I have been suffering severely but I am trusting the Lord. Encouragement appreciated.—M. A. Tate, East Beckley, W. Va.

My husband who is overseas.—Marie Lane, 686 Herman St., Jacksonville, Fla.

The healing of my seventeen-year-old sister who is in the hospital in a serious condition and unsaved, as far as I know.—Mrs. Bert F. Ford, 1538 Hemlock St., Louisville 11, Ky.

The Lord to heal me, I have been afflicted a long time with cancer of the nose. It has almost put my eyes out and I cannot see to read or anything.—Mrs. Mattie Chalk, Rt. 1, Magee, Miss.

The Lord to heal my eyes, nerve head and stomach; my husband's gums to be healed, also that he will be healed of rheumatism in his back and limbs; my father to be healed of stomach trouble, and that the Lord will make a way for us to be in service. Encouragement appreciated.—Sister D. Byrd, Rt. 3, Alma, Ga.

The Lord to heal my body.—Rev. S. C. Wiley, Rt. 3, Covington, Ga.

My brother who has returned from four years overseas to be healed.—Julia Baker, Northfork, W. Va.

The healing of Sister Mollie L. Wilson, 327 York Ave., Weatherford, Tex.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

ORDINANCES

J. D. BRIGHT

I purpose to deal with the ordinances in this article as taught and practiced by the Church of God: 1. Water baptism. 2. The Lord's supper. 3. Feet washing. It is my conviction on the subject that there are **THREE ORDINANCES** that the Lord Jesus left for us to keep—water baptism, the Lord's supper, and feet washing.

First, taking feet washing as an ordinance under consideration, it will be necessary to refer to water baptism and the Lord's supper only by way of comparison, that is to see what constitutes the ordinances. It would be well for us to notice, first, however, the definition of the word.

The definition for ordinance is "an established law or statute; a religious rite or ceremony, **INSTRUCTION, COMMAND.**

Now let us see what constitutes water baptism as an ordinance. 1. Because it was a command—"Go baptize." 2. Because of set rules of procedure—"Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." 3. Of course, water was the element in which the candidate was to be baptized. 4. There were to be two people involved—the minister and the candidate.

What made the Lord's supper an ordinance? 1. Christ instituted it. Luke 22:19, 20; 1 Cor. 11:23. 2. Preparation was made. Luke 22:7-13. 3. The elements were unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine. Luke 22:15.

Christians are to continue this ceremony. 1 Cor. 11:26-33. Now, following this analysis, let us turn to the 13th chapter of St. John and see if **FEET WASHING** is an ordinance. 1. The same person who instituted **FEET WASHING** instituted water baptism and the Lord's supper. VV. 4, 5. 2. The elements that were used—**WATER**. 3. Utensil, **BASIN**. 4. Linen, a **TOWEL**. VV. 4, 5. 5. Participants: administer, Jesus; those administered to, the disciples. V. 5. 6. Rule and manner of procedure established. VV. 4, 5, 15. 7. Participants are to administer to each other. V. 14. 8. It is permanent in that it was to be kept up by the disciples and all who heard them and right on down to us, and we are to

observe it until Jesus comes. VV. 15, 17, 20.

Surely unbiased, unprejudiced minds can see that **FEET WASHING** qualifies in every sense of the word as an **ORDINANCE**, not only to be taught but observed. Some object to feet washing on the ground that it was nothing more or less, they say, than an oriental custom. Well, let us see. In the first place, if the Lord Jesus had in mind the oriental custom, you accuse Him of not knowing how to carry it out. For the custom was for the host to give the guest a basin of water when he first entered the house. Jesus waited until the supper was finished. And again, it was not custom for the host to wash the guest's feet, he merely furnished the water and the guest washed his own feet. But Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. In the light of these facts, I think that it is perfectly obvious to an open mind that the Lord Jesus was not even concerned about any custom but was establishing an **ORDINANCE** for His disciples to carry on in His church.

If Christ did not mean for **FEET WASHING** to be an **ORDINANCE** in His church, then why did He say, "Ye OUGHT to wash one another's feet?" Notice the word **OUGHT**. It means: obligation, necessity, duty. The past tense or past participle of **OWE**. Simply this, they were obligated by a sense of duty and necessity to **WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET** as a debt of love and respect they owed to each other. Then, "For I have given you an **EXAMPLE**, that you should do as I have done to you." They did not wash each other's feet there but they **WERE TO DO IT IN THE FUTURE**. And there was no intimation or hint of their ever having the authority to discontinue it. Neither do we have an account of it ever having been discontinued. It was still in vogue in Paul's day. Read in 1 Tim. 5:9, 10.

In conclusion, let me say that there are several reasons why I believe we should continue to practice, observe, this ordinance. First, it is specifically set forth as a distinct teaching of the Church. Item 15, under "Church of God Teaching," therefore, to be loyal

we must keep this teaching. Again, we read on page 149 of the 1944 Minutes, under the caption "Lord's Supper and Feet Washing": "The subject of communion and feet washing was considered and the Assembly decided that both are taught in the New Testament and may be engaged in at the same service or at different times at the option of the local churches. In order to preserve the unity of the body, and to obey the Sacred Word, it was recommended that every member engage in these sacred services, which should be observed one or more times each year." This should settle the question in the mind of every Church of God minister and member as to feet washing not only being a recognized **ORDINANCE** by the Church of God, but that it is to be observed as such. Then, if it were necessary and beneficial for the disciples, it is more so for us. Last, "IF YE KNOW THESE THINGS, HAPPY ARE YE IF YE DO THEM." Amen.

Great Things Have Been Done for Us

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name. Just a few words from Bakersfield, Calif. We praise God for what He is doing for us here. We have a wonderful pastor and family, Bro. and Sis. G. E. Brown. We feel like they are really a godsend to Bakersfield. We have the frame up for our new church, also the rafters, and part of the sheeting on. We have the paper and wire for the stucco. We expect to be moved into it soon, though we will move in on a sawdust floor, but the sawdust trail is good anyway. We thank God for His healing power. We have two evangelists with us, one from Holland and one from Norway. The Holland sister had been sick for eight months—had a cancer, spine injury, ingrown goiter and heart trouble. Monday, April 8, we were privileged to have Bro. L. G. Rouse with us for a service. Several were healed. This sister was also prayed for. She got her healing, but the devil really fought. We have him conquered though. Praise the Lord! On April 9, we witnessed the cancer shriveling away. On April 11, we witnessed God filling her veins full of new blood. Praise His dear name!

We are expecting more great things in Bakersfield.

These girls have gotten the light on the Church of God, and are coming into the church as missionaries. Remember us in prayer.—Christine Boen.

RELIGION... and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Forgiveness

When a little blind boy was asked what forgiveness was, he replied, "It is the odor that flowers breathe when trampled upon." Such was the example set by our Lord and Stephen when they were put to death. They prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

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Chinese-Japanese and Christ

A wireless report from Tokyo stated that "Officials of the Church of Christ in Japan have confirmed the appointment of three Chinese delegates who will attend the Church's first postwar congress. Some 300 Japanese representatives are expected to attend, at which time an attempt will be made to spread the gospel throughout Japan. Christ can, through the power of His blood, reconcile all nations of mankind into one body, where love and compassion prevail."

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Governor of Pennsylvania and the Church

Governor Martin, of Pennsylvania, said, "Churches must lay the groundwork of faith, which in turn will produce the good will necessary for establishing permanent peace." He further stated that "our government is based upon reverent submission to the will of God and the teachings of the Holy Bible; it cannot live without the church." Certainly it is true that dictatorships are born out of a Christless brotherhood.

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Inspiration of the Bible

There are a variety of ways in which deductions may be made to prove the inspiration of the Bible, but the best proof is perhaps the fact of the present pitiful plight of the Jews. The Old Testament abounds with predictions of their tragic outcast wanderings if they rejected Jehovah's rule over them. Christ renewed a further warning relative to their terrible desolation in the following words: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye

would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord," Luke 13:34, 35.

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Gentile Overlordship

Gentile overlordship began with the overthrow of Jerusalem under King Jehoiakim, which has lasted from about 607 B. C. until now. Britain still holds top rule over Palestine, with the Arab as apparently preferred stock. This same kind of rule, whether Britain or other Gentile nations, is in view in Rev. 11:2. See also Revelation, chapters 13, 17-19. The history of the past of the Jews proves indisputably the inspiration of the Bible; and future events will occur as is written, so that God's Word will take care of its own destiny.

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FBI Daily Crime Report

"WASHINGTON—Every twenty seconds last year somebody in the United States committed a crime, and for that reason FBI's report on United States crime for 1945 makes some of the blackest reading on record.

"The average day of crime in the United States adds up to twelve accidental killings, eighteen murders, thirty-one rapes, and 163 aggravated assaults. These are the crimes against persons.

"In crimes against property, the score card for an average day shows 149 robberies, 662 cars stolen, 881 places burglarized, and 2,371 other thefts.

"The average of the year's 298,000 reported thefts yielded the criminal a \$54 haul. The \$129,000 burglaries averaged \$118 worth of loot, the 22,000 robberies netted the stick-up man \$146. There were 241,491 cars stolen—662 a day, 27.6 an hour, right around the clock. But a little over two-thirds of the stolen property was recovered by the police.

"In reports from nearly 300 cities of more than 25,000 population, the total value of property stolen is put at \$88,000,000. This is a 27 per cent increase over last year and a nice com-

mentary on the nation's increased prosperity.

"Pointing to some of the high lights of the annual crime statistics, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover declares that the increase in crime last year is the greatest in the fifteen-year period that his organization has been tabulating figures. It makes a 12.4 per cent increase in cities and an 8.4 per cent increase in rural areas, for a total 1,565,541 major offenses reported by the nation's police.

"All these figures do is make good every prediction on the trend towards a postwar crime wave. Only two states last year showed decreases in crime rates. They were North Dakota and South Carolina. Nationally, rape increased 5 per cent, murders were up 10 per cent, burglaries 17, and robberies 23.

"The increases are in no sense attributable to returning veterans. That is the easy assumption in any postwar crime wave, but it is not borne out by the figures.

"A substantial portion of major crimes," says the report, "is attributable to persons under voting age. . . Age 17 stood out as the predominating age among arrested persons and age 18 was second. . . Over half of the arrests represented persons who already had fingerprint arrest records on file in the FBI."

"Fifteen per cent of both the boy and girl criminals had previous fingerprint records at age fifteen. And this figure rose steadily to 42 per cent at age 20. This indicates that the bulk of problem comes from the habitual criminal, who learns to commit crime young and becomes a repeater."

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Who Is Jesus?

GLENN D. CHAMBERS

The village post office was a loafing place in general. New England codgers of a passing generation wisely exchanged their crossroad views on the latest events in the world outside. Usually the air was blue with smoke. The modern corn cob pipe was its source.

Other things were in the atmosphere, too. Generally they were pleasant things, of New England quaintness—a kind of friendliness that warms up as acquaintance grows.

Everyone had to wait for the sorting of the mail. The postmaster locked shop until the last letter was resting in its pigeon hole behind the little numbered windows in the wall.

Some would buy gum, tobacco, or a loaf of bread while they lingered. There was a small canteenlike counter for these things. One could enjoy this peaceful, easy-going sitting very much unless he were in a hurry and really needed to get somewhere.

But then, there were things to spoil it all, too. We've already said that sometimes there were other things than smoke and pleasantness in the air. To real Christians, smoke should itself be unpleasant. But on occasions there was something less bearable than smoke, and that was profanity.

Strange to say, smoke and profanity often go together. They seem to mix well. Evidently, from what we read of hell, they will finally mix best there, for God said that He will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

Once inside the crude lobby of this country post office, you might find Al Woodward there. He is a young fellow from the city. When he steps in, everyone knows that Al is from a different setting. In fact, he is one of the summer people from the Bible conference on the hill.

Folks know how hard to guard their language when Al's around, for as a Christian, he does not believe in being a spineless half-bake. He does not like the tobacco smoke, either, but he's too wise to check up sinners on such a point. Let them start misusing the name of Christ, however, and young Woodward will soon have

something to say. The Savior and His redemption mean too much to the boy for him to be silent when that precious name is abused.

On this particular day, Al had gotten his bundle of mail for the camp, and was standing by the desk sorting it. The door opened, and in breezed a delivery boy, bringing loaves of bread for the small store counter. He is a jolly fellow and, at first appearance, seems quite likeable. But as soon as he opens his mouth, his personality is spoiled. He has a great weakness. It is a lack of ability to express himself, or to make the impression he desires. To cover up this lack, he punctuates every phrase of his speech by uttering the name of Jesus Christ. Probably he feels that it makes him sound like a real he-man, but the effect on the hearers is quite the opposite.

As the door slammed shut, the bread boy called out to Joe, the postmaster, who was out of sight, behind the barred window. They talked about the bread, the weather, the ball game, and other things. And the name of Jesus was conspicuous, by its repeated use. The holy word served as an exclamation mark, a comma, or a period, as the case may be.

Al Woodward kept on sorting his mail until the delivery boy was ready to leave. Passing Al, there was not much room for the large empty bread basket. In fact, Woodward cleverly made it impossible to pass. It looked like sheer awkwardness on his part, but Al was creating an opening to speak.

"By the way," he said, looking squarely into the boy's eyes, "who is this person you talk about so much?"

For a moment the boy appeared dumb, and finally said, "That I talk about? Whom do you mean?"

"I mean, who is this—this Jesus you speak of so much?—Jesus Christ, you called Him, I think. Is He some friend of yours?"

The bread boy looked dumber still. He fairly stared at Al, and at length gasped, "You don't know who Jesus Christ is? You never heard of Him before?" He seemed to think his eyes rested upon a raw, ignorant pagan. It

was clear that Al was serious. Imagine anyone's inquiring who Jesus was! He could not take it in!

"I have heard of Him," Al responded, "but who is He, really?"

"Well, if you don't know that guy"—ejaculated the bread boy irreverently, and stopped.

"That guy? Oh, He's just some coarse fellow you know; I see. Sorry I bothered you."

"Say! You don't really mean that you don't know who Jesus is?" exclaimed the lad, becoming serious again. "You don't mean"—and he was interrupted by Woodward. Somehow he felt that Al was looking right through him. Al had not spoken. It was his piercing eye that had broken off the boy's words. He was thoroughly perplexed and dumbfounded. At length he ejaculated a puzzled "why!" and to relieve the tension, Al spoke up at last:

"Excuse me. My thought was really this: I believe I know who He is, but I was thinking that IF He is the Eternal Son of Almighty God, who came down from heaven, was born of the virgin Mary, lived as a man and died for your sins and mine—"

"That's Him! Sure! That's who He is!" broke in the delivery boy, laying himself open wide. And young Woodward was quick to avail himself.

"Well if that's really who He is, and if He rose again from the dead to sit right now upon the throne of the universe, and if some day He will come again as He promised, to judge the living and the dead—if that is who He is, then I should think you would respect Him more! I think you would not use His name the way you do!"

The words hit their mark. The bread boy's face changed rapidly. He was not angered, but seemed more terrified than anything else. The true aspect of his conduct swept over him as Al added:

"You know, the commandment of God says, 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.'" Then after a pause, and silence, "Hadn't you better definitely accept Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin? Accept Him for pardon. In Him is life for your soul. He will save you. He has borne your guilt and penalty on the cross, so that He can set you free."

The dazed boy was silent for awhile. Then, collecting himself, he said, "I guess you're right. Thank you." And

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Sanctification

By REV. D. H. DELK

First I want to say, "Greetings to my friends everywhere." God has been especially good to me since I last wrote to the Evangel. He has blessed me in every way, and I think my greatest need is to be more thankful. "Gratitude to God makes even a temporal blessing a taste of heaven."—*Romaine*.

I could give you Webster's and others' definition of "sanctification," but you have read them many times anyway. I think an old man, ignorant and very unlearned in letters, told the examining board that was examining him for mission work, when they asked him, "What is sanctification?" "Sirs, sanctification is a God-possessed soul."

Many want to use the definition, "set apart," and that is a good one, for Psalms 4:3 says, "The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself." Sinners and sin lovers are never set apart for God's work. It is always godly folk, good people, saints, holy ones. Sanctification will set you in a holy place; it will set you against the world (systems and customs), and set the world against you. If you don't have any enemies at all, I wonder if you are sanctified. All that live godly (holy sanctified) will suffer persecution. Read Deuteronomy 7:1-7.

Sanctification will not make you popular with the world, but it will with Christ. It won't go hand in hand with iniquity, but it will with holiness. It may not carry you to college, but it's sure to take you to Calvary.

I wonder sometimes if we Church of God people don't forget to practice sanctification (holiness). Exodus 28:36, "Thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, 'HOLINESS TO THE LORD.'" This was for Aaron to wear upon his forehead. OUR SANCTIFICATION SHOULD BE VISIBLE, CONSPICUOUS, for sanctification is the (highest) will of God.

Sanctification rightly preached will cause people to live rightly. I think all of us preachers would do well to preach it more, and preach it in the old-time way we used to under the brush arbors, in the old dilapidated buildings, on the street, etc. Oh glory! I feel good about this.

If we would do this, we would see more people sanctified with a second

definite blessing. Useless jewelry and weights of every kind would fall at once from them. I used to feed mules salt, soda, syrup, sulphur, etc., in the spring of the year to make them shed off slick. Well, sanctification will make it so easy for folk to lay aside every sin and weight. It will make people white and not grey. Ephraim mixed himself with the people till grey hair was upon him. Grey is the devil's color. God has no color—He loves white.

We often hear, "Who will be the bride? Whom will the Lord marry?" That's easy to answer. She'll be a white woman (white in soul). She'll be a sanctified woman. Read Ephesians 5:26, 27. She'll be dressed in white, and she'll be all-glorious (sanctified) within. Psalm 45:13. She'll make herself ready. She is keeping her garments always white. Ecclesiastes 9:8. She is keeping herself unspotted from this world.

I never have read in God's Word where we should or could grow into sanctification, however, I guess it is possible; but I do read where we should grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ. If we do this, we will soon learn that Christ is our sanctification, that He died to sanctify us, and if we follow Him, we can't miss the blessing. We will know it. We will feel it. We will experience it. SURELY IT WON'T BE A MYTH, BUT A REALITY.

Oh, I will have to praise God here because I well remember away down in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., under an old gospel tent, when I put my knees in the sawdust and got the blessing, and the best and beauty of it—IT IS STILL GOOD.

I ADMIT SANCTIFICATION IS A LITTLE HARD TO PREACH TO SUIT PEOPLE. I hesitated a long time to preach it on my broadcast, but since I ventured out, God has helped me. I feel much nearer the Lord. My services are bigger and better at the church, and my finance has come in better. Now it seems like the whole Book (Bible) is sanctification. But after all, if sanctification is God's will to us and for us, it is not a puzzle or mystery to magnify and mystify, and cause people to miss the great blessing of. I do not understand electricity, but I am enjoying lights, the refrigerator, the benefits of a washing machine, the

electric iron, etc. I can't explain the radio, but I know it is a reality, for I see it with my own eyes, and hear it with my own ears. Honestly, Preachers, I believe if we will go ahead and preach old-time Bible sanctification in love, and let God take care of the mystery end of it, we will see great results.

David declined from using Saul's armor. It was too big, too long, too baggy and bundlesome, and, the main thing was, it was an untried weapon. So much theory, so many exegeseses, so much firstly, secondly, and so on, about sanctification is just like Saul's armor. It is an untried weapon, and I have about decided to throw the stone (sanctification) in the name of the God of Israel, with simplicity and faith. I have lately, and God is blessing.

NEWS RELEASE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 29.—The National Association of Evangelicals, holding its fourth annual convention in Minneapolis, established a commission of home missions to formulate plans to create a home missions department next year.

Naming of the commission was prompted, declared Dr. R. L. Decker, of Kansas City, Mo., by the fact that nearly one-half of the population of the United States is unreached by the Christian gospel in an effective manner. "There are about 30,000 communities without a resident pastor and 10,000 without any church," he explained.

The projected department would cooperate with all denominational home missions activities along evangelical lines. At a conference at Winona Lake, Ind., from June 18-20, a skeletal organization will be effected. A national survey will be undertaken, to underscore the need for a cooperative home missions program.

The Lord Is Still Blessing at Harmon's Lick

CRAB ORCHARD, Ky.—We have so much to praise God for. Bless His dear name. He has been so good to us at Harmon's Lick. We have just closed a week's revival. Two were saved and the altar filled with seekers. The saints were all revived. Rev. Willie Lewis did the preaching.

I thank the Lord for our L.W.W.B. We met Tuesday afternoon with eight members present. We want to paint our church and seats before the home coming.

Pray for us, that we might do the Lord's will.—Mrs. L. Sparks.

From Babel to Pentecost

By Charles W. Conn

(The first article of a trilogy on the unknown tongue. The second article, **PENTECOST**, will appear in next week's *Evangel*.)

THE UNIFIED BEGINNINGS

(Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9)

In the beginning there was no Israelite, no Greek, no Roman, no Gaul, no Anglo-Saxon. There was no Jew, no Christian, no Moslem, no Hindu, no Buddhist. There was no Hebrew, no Arabic, no Greek, no Latin, no English. The people were all of **ONE clan, ONE religion, and ONE language**. God the Creator had commanded that the entire earth be repopulated. But it was far more convenient and comfortable for the people to huddle together in **ONE place**—therefore the nomadic human race chose a desirable site and began to build a city and a tower. This was done in open rebellion to God's directions: Genesis 9:7, "And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly **IN THE EARTH**, and multiply **THERE- IN**"—meaning *all of the earth*. "And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, **LEST WE BE SCATTERED ABROAD UPON THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH**." The entire scheme was mutinous, and as such was destined to an abortive conclusion. God's will must not be spurned.

UNITY

One must admire the industry of these people. Their unity of purpose and desire is seldom, if ever, equaled. Nothing will be restrained from those who work together in perfect harmony and homogeneity—God testified to that! Every camp in Shinar was bent toward one goal, and the solidarity of the people was actually accomplishing this daring project. Only "heaven" they sought to reach was divine intervention could thwart this unholy zeal. It is not possible that the

the throne of God, but rather the ethereal "heavens." Under the supervision of Nimrod (Gen. 10:8-10) they bored upward for over 300 feet (according to legend)—and then *bedlam broke loose!*

POLYGLOT CONFUSION

The masons could not understand the mortar-boys, the carpenters could not understand the architects; none could understand his fellow. Hysterical pandemonium gripped the entire scene—it was conjectured by every worker that **ALL** the other workers had suddenly gone absolutely berserk. . . . And they left off to build the city.

God had completely frustrated the builders by confounding their language and discomposing their unity. He intended that they should migrate throughout the **ENTIRE** earth. This they immediately began to do: . . . From thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of **ALL THE EARTH** . . .

GROWTH OF LANGUAGES

When the Babelites scattered with their individual families to settle in remote valleys and on far-flung rivers and plains and seashores and, eventually, on the islands of the seas, they retained the separate tongues given them at the tower. Since every child would speak the language of its father, from generation to generation ad infinitum, many languages, vocabularies and dialects were developed. Conceivably all languages would be similar and akin. Philology asserts that from a common source came the *aleph, beth, gimel* of Hebrew; the *alif, ba, ta* of Arabic; the *alpha, beta, gamma* of Greek; the *A B C*'s of Latin and its derivatives, etc. There is no greater miracle recorded in God's Word than this phenomenal origin of language. How wondrously doth every tongue manifest the intelligence and



greatness of God! Every spoken syllable (from the gutturals of the savage to the eloquence of the orator), every written character (from the hieroglyphics of Egypt to the type you now read) radiate the glory of God. On the subject of language even the skeptics must acknowledge Him:

Otto Jespersen, Ph.D., Hon. Litt.D., LL.D., one time Professor of English in the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, has this to say in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Vol. 13, page 702: "On the ultimate origin of language speculation has been rife, more, however, among philosophers than among philologists, who have very often been too matter-of-fact to take interest in this problem. Some scholars see the insufficiency of the usual theories, and giving up all attempts at explaining it in a natural way *fall back on the religious belief that the first language was directly given to the first men by God through a miracle.*" (Italics ours, CWC)

THE RESULTS

Since one universal language was the original plan of God, and because it was human rebellion that brought about diverse tongues, the results must inevitably be confusing and unpleasant. Inability to understand one's speech breeds suspicion and mistrust, which in the course of time gender disputations and war. Men constantly endeavor to remedy this situation by creating a universal language, e.g., Esperanto, Volapuk, Ido, etc., which would do much to eliminate confusion and misunderstanding in our international parliaments. Diplomats from all countries try to settle on a common tongue of communication, which has only recently swung in popularity from French to English—that the barriers of translation might be eliminated. Complete unity of nations will be debarred until the time when once again ". . . the whole earth is of one language, and one speech."

UNITY RESTORED

Scripture: Acts 2:1-8.

Almost 2300 years later (accepting Ussher's chronology) something equally miraculous happened. Another group was gathered in a common cause: ". . . they were all with **ONE accord in ONE place.**" Their unity paralleled that of the Babelites, and they were certain of greater success—because they penetrated the heavens with prayer and praise rather than stone and mortar.

Before we discuss *Pentecost* fully (Continued on page 11)

Sunday School Methods

By Clifford Jenkerson

The Sunday School Superintendent With a Vision

"Where there is no vision, the people perish . . ." (Prov. 29:18). The superintendent is responsible for the progress and development of the Sunday School. He must of necessity have a God-anointed knowledge with a clear, heaven-sent vision of the mission, ministry, and work of the Sunday School. A vision of the Sunday School's foremost purpose and aim; a vision of what the school is for and what it is trying to do, and what part he should play in bringing all this about; a vision of the organizational features and their value; a vision of the "teaching ministry" in relationship to the child of God, the sinner, and the children; a vision of correct methods that lead to progress and growth.

To attain unto all this God-given and inspired knowledge, the superintendent may have to get alone with God, and be found going often to the "hour of prayer" or frequenting the "upper room" or making entry to the "secret chamber." It will be in these individual revival prayer meetings with God, Christ, and the Holy Ghost that his soul will be set on fire with Sunday School enthusiasm, and his aspirations lifted, with his mind quickened to understand the depth of the meaning of the last and great world-wide "TEACHING" commission given by our Savior. "Go ye therefore, and TEACH all nations, . . . TEACHING them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ." (Matt. 28:19, 20). After conferring with God, he will better understand Paul's advice to young Timothy when he said, "These things command and TEACH . . . give at-

tendance to reading . . . Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, . . ." Or, again, "We are labourers together with God . . ." Greater vision of Sunday School progress will unfold and be understood in the words of Jesus who said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white

standing or agreement as to the best possible procedure, then the superintendent can come before the teachers and officers of the school with his plans or program with assurance and dignity.

Sometimes superintendents who do not understand, overstep their authority. Some have been known to take charge of installation services, even when they were re-elected to office. This duty always goes to the pastor, unless there is some other form understood. Many times the Sunday School preliminaries, announcements, etc., are so ill-arranged that they take up half of the pastor's preaching service; a thing most pastors, even though done in sincerity by the superintendent, resent.

Again, some schools are constantly bored by "short talks" or "short testimonies" which reach the proportion of "young sermons," by visiting ministers or friends, and by the time the pastor gets to his regular morning worship, the folk are "bored to death" and "irritable" and on their way home. In case of "visiting friends" or even "visiting ministers," the superintendent should consult with the pastor before calling upon them to make a talk, and then a limit should be announced or understood.

Perhaps, you are acquainted with that little group of pastors whose brains have never been able to fathom the value of the Sunday School as a unit, with potentialities forceful enough to evangelize an entire community and build the church. He feels that he is not in the least responsible for the Sunday School, but only to deliver his Sunday morning sermon at

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already to harvest . . ." "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house (Sunday School) may be filled."

PASTOR AND SUPERINTENDENT

They are laborers together with God. Above all, the superintendent and pastor should constantly confer in all matters or problems pertaining to the work of the Sunday School. After they have discussed and had an under-

N. A. E. Resolutions

Minneapolis, Minn., May 2
National Association of Evangelicals, increasing its membership to 1,400,000 by the affiliation mainly of twenty denominations in the National Holiness Association and by hundreds of Baptist churches, today adopted a budget of \$148,000 for the ensuing year to implement commissions and regional offices for evangelical activity in every field.

The organization's delegates, meeting in First Baptist Church, warned that President Truman's reappointment of Myron B. Taylor as envoy to the Vatican "is already beginning to fan the flames of intolerance and bigotry and will inevitably result in the introduction of the religious issue into American politics," and adopted a resolution demanding his immediate recall. The resolution follows:

WHEREAS the President of the United States has seen fit to appoint a personal envoy to the Vatican, thus re-establishing diplomatic relations between this country and the Vatican, and

WHEREAS this relationship (1) constitutes in effect the recognition of a church as a state, thus compromising the American principle of separation of church and state and confers special honors and privileges upon one among many religious bodies in America; (2) sanctions the existence of a state within a state and thus recognizes the temporal power of the pope; and (3) threatens the perpetuity of American constitutional principles and the liberties of the American people, and

WHEREAS, this relationship is already beginning to fan the flames of intolerance and bigotry and will inevitably result in the introduction of the religious issue into American politics—

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Evangelicals urgently requests the President of the United States to immediately recall his personal envoy to the Vatican and terminate forthwith this intolerable un-American relationship. The delegates voted to send a copy to each member of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Dr. John W. Bradbury of New York City, editor of the *Watchman-Examiner* (Northern Baptist), declared that the American citizen makes no distinction between the

President as a person and the President as an office-holder.

Another resolution urged that the gross inconsistency between pleas for more grain for the hungry and the liquor advertising campaigns be eliminated. It petitioned Congress to pass legislation

"prohibiting the advertising of alcoholic beverages on billboards, through magazines and newspapers, or through radio or through the mailing system of the country"

and authorized the N.A.E. board of administration to press this issue until necessary legislation has been engaged.

Delegates also protested the burning, by U. S. Army decommissioning forces, of unpackaged Bibles and New Testaments in abandoned military stations. The resolution suggested that these Bibles be returned to the American Bible Society and the Gideons, donors of the Bibles.

The American Association of Railroads was urged, in another resolution, to enforce the rules which have hitherto prevailed against unrestricted smoking, and to provide adequate space on every train for the comfort and physical welfare of nonsmoking patrons. The resolution commended railroads which have already begun reinforcement of such rules. Delegates declared in their resolution that

WHEREAS a few years ago when smoking was far less prevalent than it is now, the railroads provided a special car or compartment for those addicted to the smoking habit, and enforced the "no-smoking" ban in all other cars, and

WHEREAS there are still many people who are allergic to tobacco smoke, becoming very ill when they have to breathe it, and

WHEREAS there are still many people who do not smoke and to whom tobacco smoke is highly "obnoxious," therefore the railroads should be pe-

tioned for action. A similar resolution was addressed to national bus lines.

President Truman was commended, in a further resolution, "for his expressed desire for divine wisdom and for God's blessing," and members of Congress participating in breakfast prayer groups were likewise commended. The delegates pledged the President their "devout support and earnest prayer." But they coupled the resolution with an expression of "the need of humiliation and prayer on the part of our nation because of such widespread secularism, materialism, intemperance, immorality, and godlessness which it attributed to the Nation's "neglect of God." The resolution petitioned the President to appoint, at his discretion, a day of national repentance and prayer.

Another resolution addressed greetings to evangelicals in Great Britain, and expressed "trust that our fellowship may be maintained and deepened for the furtherance of the gospel."

Dr. Edwin H. Rian, of Philadelphia, general secretary of the Christian University Association of America, addressed the delegates this morning. "The great need in America today," he declared, "is a system of education from kindergarten to university founded upon the Christian philosophy of life. At the basis of every study in the curriculum should be the idea that the God of the Bible is the source of all truth. Unless the Protestants of this land awake to the paganizing influence and philosophy of most of American education, they have no reason to believe that historic Protestant Christianity will have the ascendancy in this Nation fifty years from now."

The closing banquet in Municipal Auditorium gathered 1,000 persons to hear Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, of Moody Bible Institute. The new officers, led by Dr. R. L. Decker, of Kansas City, Mo., the incoming president, were installed at an impressive ceremony, at which Dr. Paul Rood, of Glendale, Cal., gave the charge.

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REPORTS *From the Field*

Pentecostal Fire Cannot Be Extinguished

ELLENSBURG, Wash.—Dear Evangel Readers, greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus.

I do thank and praise God for a fire that was kindled about 1900 years ago in the upper room at Jerusalem. Men of all ages have tried to put this fire out but it cannot be done, Acts 5:39.

Then a little over a year ago this same fire was kindled in my own heart, and a few months ago I became a member of the Church of God. It is wonderful, marvelous, how God, the past ten years, has led me, a stubborn, creed-worshiping, doctrine-loving child into this great experience of Pentecost. As Paul, "It pleased God to reveal His Son in me." Praise His name!

God, in His great, loving way, has led us here to Ellensburg to pastor the Church of God. The church is small and has not had a permanent pastor for a long time, which has been very discouraging to the few who have been so faithfully holding on. Do pray that God will make us a lighthouse and blessing here in this little city where so many need God. My heart is so burdened. Also join us in prayer for a great revival here in the Northwest.

I would like to send greetings to my dear friends in and around Birmingham, Ala. God bless you all.—Mrs. Rachel Sheets, 509 N. Water St.

HOLMES VALLEY, Fla.—We are glad this morning that we are able to report victory, thank the Lord.

I came to Holmes Valley on the West Florida District last September 14 to take a stand against the devil. He was on the job, and hadn't lost any time. The church house was in bad shape. I got the little band of people together and they raised \$128.85. Now the church is painted, and ready to cell, and put lights in. Thank God, we found some good people here. The Lord has been good to me. When I came here, I had to walk everywhere I went. I soon saw that I couldn't hold out at that. I started in to buy a car. One man gave \$100 on it, one \$35. Well, it seemed like the Lord was in the matter. Many other good things have come to me, but space will not allow me to tell about it this time.

Six have been saved, two sanctified,

one received the Holy Ghost since we have been here.

Our district convention was one of the best in the State. The mission offering was \$402.40. We surely do thank the Lord for the way He is blessing on the district. Pray for us, that we can be at our best for the Master.—Rev. E. D. Butler, Vernon, Fla.

St. Louis District Convention

The St. Louis, Mo., district convention convened at the Vista Avenue Church of God March 29-30, Rev. Harvey Parker, district overseer, in charge. A real welcome was extended to all by Sister C. Stringer. A wonderful message was preached by Brother Charles Conn, of Leadwood. God's approval was on the convention from beginning to end.

Saturday morning after devotional service we had sermons by two of the district pastors and then Sister Watson, state L. W. W. B. president, had charge of the L. W. W. B. program. We were privileged to have the Melody Girls and Sister McFarland and other singers in our convention, for which we were very grateful.

Brother Harrel Moore, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, was in charge of the Y. P. E. Saturday evening. Brother Parker gave a talk in behalf of our orphans and an offering was taken. After special singing, Brother Orrick brought the evening message.

Sunday morning, Brother H. Moore preached to the young people. We had prayer for the sick and the Lord came down and blessed our souls. Brother Watson, state overseer, brought the morning message and God blessed in a wonderful way. This was followed by a mission offering.

The meals during the convention were served in the church basement by the L. W. W. B. of Vista Avenue, which was a great help. We had quite a few visiting ministers and laity with us. The cooperation and fellowship of the convention was wonderful.—Convention clerk, Hazel Granaman, 4818 Labadie Ave., St. Louis 15, Mo.

Enjoys First Easter Service in Building

DENVER 11, Colo.—Dear Evangel Readers, this morning my soul was

filled with joy and gladness and an urge to sound a note of praise to our risen Lord. We had our first Easter service in our church here in Denver this morning. The Giver of life and all good gifts gave us a beautiful day for the occasion. The Spirit of the risen Christ was with us and gave us a wonderful service. We had communion, and it seemed in partaking of the symbol of His shed blood and broken body the revelation of the resurrection was brought close to us. It made our hearts melt with thankfulness for His mercy and goodness to us.

Our pastor, Rev. T. E. Green, then brought a wonderful message. We appreciate having a faithful pastor like Brother Green to labor with us here in Denver this year.

We earnestly desire the prayers of all our friends, that God will help us in the work here in Colorado.—Mrs. R. C. Muncy, 2655 Umatilla St.

Graham, Tex., District Convention

GRAHAM, Tex.—The Graham district convention which convened March 29-31, at Graham, will linger on and on in the hearts of each attendant. The great Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost were present from the first song through every service until the last amen.

The service began Friday evening with the district pastor, Rev. C. R. Thomison, in charge. The singing was grand, and with the string band, well, it was excellent!

The convention was opened by our state overseer, Rev. V. B. Rains. After several good words, spoken by Brother Rains, and a lot of good songs and prayers, we listened to a most enjoyable message by Rev. C. E. Neal.

Saturday afternoon was given in behalf of our youth. Our State Youth Director, Rev. Manuel F. Campbell, was in charge. Rev. C. D. Fitzgerald brought the message which was enjoyed by all.

Saturday evening service opened with the presence of God hovering low. All pastors of the district were present. The visiting ministers were as follows: Rev. G. M. Gilbert, Electra; Rev. W. A. Rappy, Wichita Falls; Rev. Hull Weatherford, Rev. Ayers, wife and little daughter, formerly of South Carolina, now working in Texas. Brother Campbell brought the evening message which was soul-inspiring to all.

Saturday morning service was heart-melting, with an old-time test—
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FROM BABEL TO PENTECOST

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(next week) let us consider its pre-ludes and portents which occurred sporadically during the intervening twenty-three centuries.

OLD TESTAMENT

Throughout the books of the Old Testament there are allusions and direct references to the forthcoming baptism of the Holy Ghost and its phenomenon of tongues. One particular incident will serve to show the employment of pre-Pentecostal manifestations. The Babylonian king, Belshazzar, in his heyday designed a banquet of such magnitude as to overawe his prince-guests and to sate his own ego-depraved mind. When enough wine had been swilled and he felt particularly reckless, to further amaze his servile plaudits, Belshazzar dared profane the house of God by drinking from its golden vessels. The doomed revelers drank their blasphemous wine from His sanctified vessels and taunted Him more by praising their gods of gold, silver, brass, iron, wood and stone.

Then—suddenly!—a moving hand wrote in bold majestic strokes along the wall: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This was a language that neither scholar, nor magician, nor traditionalist could interpret. The entire group of merry-makers was stunned to awed and frightened silence. It was remembered that there was a Jew in Babylon "in whom is the spirit of the living gods": Daniel. These were pagans who were not converted to monotheistic Judaism, but they did recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit of our living God. Daniel miraculously read the writing. Just as the Holy Ghost wrote the message so did the Holy Ghost use Daniel for the interpretation. Both the writing and the reading are equally Spirit-inspired.

The Old Testament contains many other such presages of the coming Baptism—and tempted as we are to further discuss them we realize that this cannot be an exhaustive treatise on pre-Pentecostal manifestations. However, you are urged to study the second chapter of Joel in this connection.

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 4:1, "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost . . . was led by the Spirit . . ." Although there had been various occasions of the Holy Spirit upon men, Jesus was the first to be

filled with the Holy Spirit in the manner of the Pentecostal outpouring (John 3:34).

It seems strange that He would lapse into a foreign language when speaking to a dead child (Mark 5:41) unless we understand it as a direct summons, *Talitha cumi*, from the power of the Spirit within Him. Even the calibre of His carnal intelligence would not permit His indulgence in jargon. The entire incident bespeaks decadence from His normally precise and dignified vernacular *unless its spiritual significance be understood*.

It is true that occasionally a dying alien will revert to his native tongue: because it exerts less effort and thought from a strained and weakened body. This lapse usually occurs during the last hours of life, when a man's mind wonders back to his childhood land and speech. The *Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani* of Jesus on the cross cannot be thus explained. At

the time of His crucifixion He still spoke the language He had always spoken. These words (Mark 5:34) were not weak and languid, but were spoken with a tremendous burst of power—as if some inner force had spoken them. It was conjectured that He cried for Elias. This was thought by those who spoke all the Hebrew dialects, remember. At the same time of Mark's recounting His death-cries the interpretation came; **THE SAME SPIRIT THAT WROTE THE NEW TESTAMENT SPOKE THOSE POWERFUL, HAUNTING WORDS.**

These things were not mere localized happenings, but they pointed to the world-girding baptism of the Holy Ghost that would soon follow. They were but the westward shadows cast by the rising sun of Pentecost. Faster and faster the events would race past until, soon, a mighty wind would be stirred up and a fire would be ignited in the hearts of men.

GRADUATING CLASS, THE CHURCH OF GOD BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, MOOSE JAW, SASK., CANADA



From left to right: BACK ROW—John McLuhan, Vidora, Sask.; Luke Summers, Climax, Sask.; David Barsness, Frontier, Sask.; Ivar Roset, Gouldtown, Sask. FRONT ROW—Lois Byington, Robsart, Sask.; Helen Wall, Rush Lake, Sask.

This Bible School enjoyed the largest enrollment since its inception, and this graduating class is the first to be graduated since the Bible School was moved from Robsart to Moose Jaw, Sask. Prospects for a larger and better school for the next term are very favorable. Special speakers who were present at the closing exercises were: Rev. F. W. Lemons, bringing the baccalaureate sermon, also the commencement address; Rev. C. C. McAfee, overseer of North and South Dakota; Rev. James B. Reesor, Lemmon, S. Dak., principal of the Northwest Bible and Music Academy; Rev. H. Casteel, Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent of the Dakotas. The church at Moose Jaw was crowded to its capacity at nearly every service and the Lord blessed in saving some souls. Remember the Bible School in Canada in prayer.—Wm. Pospisil, superintendent, Box 575, Moose Jaw, Sask.

REVIVALS

KENTWOOD, La.—Dear Evangel Readers, we praise God for our good revival which lasted only one week, but God surely blessed. Every service was filled with God's blessings. Four were saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and the members greatly blessed.

Bro. Owen McManus was in charge of the revival. He and his good wife are wonderful. His faithful wife was always ready to render her service any way she could to make the service a success. Their music and singing is a blessing. May God bless them everywhere they go and may they be the means of many souls coming to God.

Pray for us at Kentwood.—The pastor, Mrs. F. W. Alexander, Box 366.

BEATTYVILLE, Ky.—We began a revival here at Beattyville, Ky., February 24 and closed it March 17. Bro. Ance Frost was evangelist. Two were saved, two sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. God surely has blessed in a wonderful way. We trust Bro. Frost will come again.—Miss Yvonne Gilbert, clerk.

BURDETTE, Ark.—The church here has just closed a wonderful revival, conducted by Rev. Melvin E. Purty and wife, of Higden, Ark. Bro. Purty is a wonderful young minister. How God did bless! There were ten saved, five sanctified, and twelve added to the church. The church was greatly encouraged.

I praise the Lord for the way the church has been built up. We plan to have a baptismal service the first Sunday in May. We have around twenty to be baptized. Remember us in your prayers, that the revival spirit will grow, and the church will be a blessing, and a soul-saving station.—J. A. Faircloth, Box 21.

EQUALITY, Ill.—We have just closed a two and one-half weeks' revival at the Church of God here. There were twelve saved, seven sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and one added to the church. The church at

Shawneetown came over and baptized six of their members with us. We observed the Lord's supper and feet washing.

The Little Egypt Quartet was with us one night, and the Eldorado Funeral Home Quartet was with us the last night of the revival. Bro. Cecil Gibbons was the evangelist. He did some good preaching.—T. J. Milligan, pastor, Box 455.

HIAWASSEE, Ga.—We have just closed a successful revival here at North Mt. Zion. Six were saved, one sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost. The evangelist, Otis Mote, did the preaching. He is really on fire for God, and preaches the Word in its fullness.

We praise God for the way He has blessed us, and we are still looking forward for greater things to happen, as we are holding on to God and believing His Word.

Pray for us here, and again we praise the Lord for His blessings.—Geneva Anderson, reporter.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—We have just closed a two weeks' young people's revival, with Bro. Sam Timmons as the evangelist.

There were sixteen saved, nine sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water, and six added to the church. We praise God for this revival and for the way He is blessing our church in general.

I'd like to say that during the first quarter of this year, our attendance and offerings have increased considerably under the inspiring leadership of our able leader, Sis. Erma Sells. Sis. Sells has the young people at heart, and God is blessing her efforts. We had an attendance of 155 one night, and an offering of \$101 another night.

We're thankful for our pastor and wife, Bro. and Sis. Oran White. Bro. White preaches the straight, old time gospel. He stresses divine healing, and so few preachers stress this today, it is bringing results in that people are being healed of so-called chronic ailments, children of broken bones, and

our members are learning to trust God rather than man.

There was a young man Sunday night who has been attending church here regularly for years, being a good friend and help to the church financially; the saints had been praying for him all the years, and God answered and wonderfully saved him.—Isabel Wachter.

AUBURN, Wash.—The Church of God at Auburn was very spiritually blessed by a revival that recently closed.

Bro. C. W. Sullivan is our pastor, and Bro. Goff was our evangelist; also Sis. Climer.

We truly praise God for His loving kindness to us and the presence of the Holy Ghost. There were three saved, five filled with the blessed Holy Ghost, ten followed the Lord in water baptism, and three added to the church. We are still looking to God for future blessings and that the church will continue to prosper for the glory of God. We earnestly covet your prayers.—Hugh Miller, clerk.

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, Tenn.—Dear Saints of God, I praise God for a wonderful revival at Sale Creek—one of the best I have ever been in—conducted by Rev. C. L. Griffeth.

The Holy Ghost was present in every service. Forty were saved, twenty-one sanctified, twenty-four were filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty baptized in water, and nineteen added to the church.

The church surely is on fire for the Lord. It has more than doubled this year, and we believe by the Assembly, it will have tripled in membership. We are trusting the Lord for abundance of rain.

Pray for our pastor, Rev. Virgil Higdon.—Reporter.

TENNELINA, N. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here at the Church of God at Tannelina, N. C., conducted by Rev. Russell Nelson, of Enoree, S. C. We know he is a man of God. During the revival there were four saved. We hope Brother Nelson will be able to visit us again.

We all appreciate Brother C. J. Dockery, our pastor. He is making a great success. There are more attending our church than have been in quite a while.—Mrs. Tom Gowen, Wolf Creek, Tenn.

... TESTIMONIES ...

God Heals

GAINESVILLE, Ga.—A girl was taking treatments for cancer. She came to our prayer meeting and received the Holy Ghost, and God healed the cancer. The doctor has said she is well.

A young man had been bedfast for numbers of weeks; had five doctors. He could retain no nourishments for four weeks. He was very poor. The church here prayed and fasted. The doctors had given him up, saying there was nothing they could do. But praise the Lord, he is now up going to the table, eating anything he wants. The doctors are amazed and the people astonished. God is still on the throne.—R. L. Stansell, 821 Davis St.

Only in the Lord Is Victory

Dear Saints, I enjoy the church papers so much. I do not have words to express my love and appreciation for the Evangel and Lighted Pathway.

They fill my soul with the glory of heaven; they give me food and inspiration to travel on. I live in a place far from church, on a farm. There are so many neighbors who do not know God, and I am doing all I can by telling them what the Lord has done for me. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his lovingkindness and for His wonderful works to the children of men. We all can feel the goodness of the Lord if we will seek Him and give thanks unto the Lord. The earth is full of His goodness. I want to always worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, whether it be at church or at home. Only in the Lord is victory and strength. I want each one to pray for me. I have received letters from most all the states for prayer and anointed handkerchiefs, and praise God, have received some wonderful testimonies, for which I give God all the glory. I want to get closer to God every day lest I stumble. We know not the day nor the hour that He will come or call, but let's be ready, dear ones.

Pray for my husband and my children, that the circle will be unbroken up yonder.—Mrs. Eula Smith, Rt. 1.

Praise God for All

DAHLONEGA, Ga.—Dear Saints of God, I am glad I can testify to divine

healing today. I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. Two years ago, I had heart trouble and was so nervous. I had two sons in Service. One spent four years overseas in the Navy; the other thirty-three months overseas in the army. I asked prayer all the while for them, and kept praying and holding on to God, so both are at home safe and sound, have a business together, and seem so well satisfied. I really am praising God for it all, and for His wonderful healing power and for answering prayer.

I desire the prayers of all the saints of God for me and my family. I have four sons and two daughters. Please pray that God will save each one of them, and use them to His honor and glory.

I praise God for being saved, sanctified, baptized with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost, and added to the Church of God. I desire prayer for our church here at Dahlonega.

May God's richest blessings be with all you saints is my prayer.—Mrs. Janie Anderson.

His Will Is Sacred

EAST NEW MARKET, Md.—The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.—Psalm 126:3.

Truly the Lord has done so much for me, I can't ever thank Him enough for His goodness. About fifteen years ago, He saved, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost, and added me to the great Church of God. He is more precious to me now than when I first received Him. If it were not for the sweet Holy Ghost, I don't believe I would be able to stand in this evil day in which we are living. I am so glad I have Him abiding in my soul.

I praise God for healing me sometime ago when I sent a request for my ears. Praise His name. Also, the Lord healed me of a trouble of which I suffered seventeen years. It is wonderful what the Lord can do if we have faith to believe He can and will do it.

I sent a request to Brother L. G. Rouse for the Lord to undertake in another matter for me, and I can truly say He has also heard that prayer and answered. I surely praise Him for this, also, as it was nothing short of a miracle. The devil tries to tell me I have not been delivered, but I know

God is still on the throne, and I'm His child. If I keep my hand in His, and in faith believe that all things are possible to him that believeth, I shall be healed of this, also. There have been no results to prove that my prayer has been answered as far as I can see, but I know my prayer has been heard, and if I hold to God's unchanging hand, I shall be healed. Praise His name. The Holy Ghost has spoken, and said the Lord was going to deliver me, and that is what I am holding on to. I am sure the Lord will do what He says He will do if I keep my faith and complete trust in Him.

I need the prayers of God's people, that I will always stay in a place where the Lord wants me to be, and do His will at all times. There is no place so sacred as in the Lord's will. I want to be faithful to the end, and be ready when Jesus comes or calls. I believe He is coming soon.—Mrs. William Harvey, Jr., Box 1.

Unsaved Husband Healed

RAYVILLE, La.—We truly thank you people for taking our request to God in prayer. My husband was so weak that he had to go to bed, but got up about the time you people prayed, and hasn't been in bed since. The first day he got up, he drove a tractor all day. I feel like God heard and answered prayer. I told him that I requested prayer for him, but he is still unsaved. Please pray that God will save him.—Mrs. E. J. Phillips, Rt. 2.

Lives for Him Just the Same

BONITA, La.—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am glad to testify to what my Lord has done for me.

Five years ago, He healed me of a nervous breakdown, and bad stomach trouble, and goitre on my neck at the same time. I couldn't begin to tell the many times He healed my children. He healed me today of a disease of the blood, for which I give Him all the glory. I have trusted Him these five years for my healing, and I have learned that if we only trust and believe Him, He never fails. When He first healed me, I was sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost.

No saints live around me, and I hardly ever get to go to church, but I live for my Lord just the same. I pray three times daily, and all through the day. I hope this will increase some poor, weak person's faith.—Mrs. Ethel Moore.

WHO IS JESUS?

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Al moved a bit, so the basket could pass. The lad went out in silence, climbed into the truck, and drove away. But God had spoken to him. God's issue was laid at the door of his heart, and he may find entrance to the door of eternal life as a result of that day.

How about you, friend? Are you saved? All have broken God's commandments in some way or other, and come short of the glory of God. We are told that he who has offended in one point is guilty of breaking the whole of God's law. His law is a unity. Little guilt just like great guilt, will keep a soul from heaven, and send it to hell.

"I guess you're right." Is that all you will say? Or will you do more than the bread boy did? Why wait? Right where you are, right now, why not settle it? Call upon that holy name of Jesus, and ask Him to pardon and save you, reminding Him that He has shed His blood long ago for this very purpose. Thank Him that He did this for you, thank Him for dying in your place. If you will do that right now, you may know right now that you are saved. Praise Him!

And, Child of God, are you using every opportunity to make sinners conscious of Jesus Christ, who He is, and what He has done for them? Let us ask God to give you fearless strength to witness for Christ upon every opportunity. Let us ask for wisdom to do it tactfully, and in the power of His Spirit, that He may speak through us. May Christ use us to bring others into eternal redemption through the blood of His cross.
—*Pilgrim Tract Society.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL METHODS

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eleven. This is a poor attitude to take as pastor. In fact, he need not expect others to be interested if he is setting the example.

It is a profitable policy on the part of the pastor to take part in the Sunday School work and let his interest be known. However, for him to have himself placed in office as the superintendent, while there are others qualified for the position, seems to be a "selfish attitude." In most churches he either teaches the Teacher-Training Class or the Bible Class.

The pastor and superintendent should be "buddies" or "co-laborers." The superintendent can be instrumental in helping the pastor by en-

couraging the students to stay for regular worship service; by boosting the financial program; supporting the orphanage; reaching new people, and many, many other ways. Likewise, the pastor can assist the superintendent in building the school as he visits, and by reading helpful books for Sunday School suggestions; also, by suggesting to the superintendent a reading course on Sunday School work to enable him to better qualify for the position, etc.

SUPERINTENDENT—"MUST SHEW HIMSELF FRIENDLY"

Prov. 18:24, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly..." The enemies of Jesus said He was "the friend of publicans and sinners" simply because He was sociable with them when He was here on earth. Indeed, Jesus was their Friend but He did not partake nor sanction their sins, but vice versa the heinous insinuation of the Pharisees in their efforts to reproach Christ, He was continually upbraiding and pouring into the life of these "publicans and sinners" the message of eternal life. It was this class of people who made up His ready audience and stood with an open ear. And many of these "publicans and sinners" became Christ's devoted followers. The Sunday School superintendent who practices the example of Jesus will find his Sunday School gaining in attendance and power. He will not have to resort to some "atomic bomb attack" or to a "cash prize" every other Sunday.

Brother Superintendent, if the family next door or those who live in your community see you pass their home day after day, month after month, and in some cases, year after year, without the least sign or gesture of "friendship," they will be justified in saying, "The people who go to that church (where you are superintendent of the Sunday School) are strange and distant people." To win them, we must go forth with a smile and show ourselves friendly. When new families move into the community the superintendent "MUST SHEW HIMSELF FRIENDLY" and go at once and give them, each one, a hearty invitation to join his school.

I have watched strange people come into Sunday School who did not know the location or arrangement of classes or classrooms, and no one attempted to direct them to their proper places. This gave them that "strange feeling" which sometimes accompanies people in new places. I tell you, this should never happen,

and if the superintendent and teachers of classes will be alert, they will meet the strangers with open arms and a hearty welcome, and they will turn this "strange feeling" into a warm "family-reunion feeling" and that man or woman will come back.

If you are friendly and have a host of friends, then each one becomes your ready prospect. Like the good fatherly shepherd who lost his sheep (Sunday School member), he at once left the ninety and nine, went into the wilderness, and searched and looked until he found it (perhaps that little boy or girl in your case, depending on the one who has left your Sunday School fold). Later, upon arrival home, this good, fatherly shepherd called in his friends and neighbors. This good man had influence on his friends and neighbors and they were ready to come as soon as they were given the call. God grant that His Church will realize the value of the "good neighbor friendship policy" and practice it until we win them to Sunday School attendance, then to Christ, and to His Church.

It is not enough for the superintendent to set the example of a friendly disposition, but he must, continually, preach it to the teachers in the regular meetings, until each one realizes the value it will be to the general school and to their class.

SUPERINTENDENT—"GO OUT INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES"

"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23). Sunday School prospects are everywhere. A good superintendent will know who ought to be in Sunday School. Reaching the unreached is the first and foremost task of the superintendent. To do this, he can sponsor a religious census, and follow it up with a visitation campaign by the teachers, officers, and visiting committees. Also, he can know who attends and who is absent, by setting up an accurate record system in each class; and by checking this against the membership roll, he can tell who it is of the membership that is not being reached.

J. N. Barnett, author of the book "Church Using Its Sunday School," sets forth some practical advice on visitation. He says, "There are many ways and means of getting visiting done. No one way will meet the needs in all churches. There are five things which the general superintendent can

do to promote and to secure the highest type of visitation—set the example, have a definite time, make assignments, secure reports, and train the workers.”

The Sunday School should be mission-minded and go after the people who do not attend anywhere. Jesus said, “Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest . . .” Brother Superintendent, if you can get your staff of workers to “LOOK ON THE FIELDS” (the street on which they live, or in the community—everywhere are prospects) with faith and assurance that they can reap a harvest, it will be a great step toward success. According to statistics, two out of every three Protestant children are not enrolled in the Sunday School. Thus, the church membership becomes a “field” instead of a “force.” Again, one person out of every six in America is not enrolled in Sunday School. The other five may live near you, or even part of them may shelter under your roof. How many, pray tell me, are we passing daily on the “highways” or “sitting or working among in the hedges” or on their jobs without ever extending to them an invitation to come. Jesus said for us to invite them to come in. The task of reaching people is an everyday affair and from house to house. “And DAILY in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus Christ” (Acts 5:42). “We are laborers together with God . . .” but we do not expect Him to work unless we do our part.

The Bible is the Sunday School’s textbook, and should be understood by the superintendent as well as the teachers. W. E. Raffety, an authority on the Sunday School work, has this to say about a studious superintendent. One who has ‘already arrived’ and mentally lazy should never be sought out as a Sunday School superintendent. One who has ‘aready arrived’ and has nothing more to learn will fail. He must be growing all the time. I have often said to groups of superintendents, ‘Cease to be a learner and your cease to be a leader.’ If at all possible, where training courses cannot be pursued, a course of reading should be undertaken.”

There are hundreds of helpful Sunday School books. A superintendent who really means business will put forth every effort to better his position of knowledge. Some Sunday Schools have a reading library with

good books on Sunday School work. The lawyer who knows law had to study books by specialists who spent years majoring in certain subject matters of law. Likewise, every other vocation requires study. The award of it is success, so, Brother Superintendent, remember the words of Paul, who said, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God . . .,” 1 Tim. 4:13, “. . . give attendance to reading . . .”

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The writer would like to acknowledge helps derived in writing these articles from the following sources, and above all to recommend these books to Sunday School workers, superintendents, teachers, pastors, etc. “An Introduction to Child Study” by Clarence Benson; “A Church Using Its Sunday School,” by J. N. Barnette; “The Sunday School in Action,” by Clarence Benson.

These books can be ordered from the Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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God to completely heal Brother Crawford’s body.—P. E. Croxton, Latta, S. C.

The Lord to heal my body and give me the Holy Ghost.—F. E. Newby, Whigham, Ga.

God to heal my wife’s body, she has been in bed six weeks with enlarged heart.—H. B. Simmons, 4217 13th St., Tampa 5, Fla.

My healing of throat trouble and

other ailments.—E. E. Willis, Clifton, S. C.

God to undertake for me. Unless He does, I will have to have an operation; the healing of my wife.—Brother A. S. Miller, 346 E. 9th St., Ashland, Ohio.

My healing. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Jesse Higginbotham, Sr., Dixiana, Ala.

Brother Jordan who has T.B. Doctors have given him up to die, and he is so weak he cannot get up now. Encouragement appreciated. — Rev. Floyd Boger, Box 442, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

God to heal my body; my daughter’s body to be healed.—Mrs. Rilla Childs, Box 82, Elberton, Ga.

Graham, Tex., District Convention (Continued from page 10)

timony service. Then a short time was taken for business.

Sunday morning service was grand. The songs were sung in the spirit. Several specials were given. Rev. C. R. Thomison boosted the Lighted Pathway and Church of God Evangel circulation. The people responded wonderfully. There were thirty subscriptions for the Evangel received; also, a goodly number of Lighted Pathway subscriptions were received. Brother Rains brought a wonderful message which caused the people to open their hearts and pocketbooks to our orphanage and mission cause.

After lunch was served at the church, we adjourned with warm handshakes and friendly good-byes. —Mrs. C. R. Thomison, reporter.

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